

SAAC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees: Karen Huesel and Sandy Morrissey, Prevention Coalition; Jerome Barry, Treatment Team; Steve Rowoldt & Corey Steel, Criminal Justice Teams; Joyce Schmeeckle, Evaluation Specialists; and Kit Boesch,

PURPOSE: To design a truly collaborative process with the all SAAC teams and activities.

Kit thanked everyone for their time; made sure all had the latest and greatest strategic plan; and shared a diagram of CSI-Behavioral Health Coalition. Most agreed that one goal should be to see the mental health side parallel to activities on the substance abuse side. Kit shared we are interviewing for an overall coordinator, and discussed the need for a Treatment Team Coordinator. Jerome pointed out this might be able to be a combined position depending on the person and their qualifications. Kit then said if this team met approximately every 8 weeks we could touch base with each other and know what CSI and SAAC are doing. All agreed. This Leadership Team meeting beyond today, will focus on shared issues and challenges rather than program reports. They reviewed a sample report form and with a few changes, said it looked good. These will be emailed ahead of time for our next meeting.

Prevention Coalition (Karen/Sandy) – The Coalition has really changed structure from one large agency driven coalition to 8 neighborhood/community based coalitions with a broader constituency base. Karen described many activities parents, youth and law enforcement are involved with. We have need for a \$10,000 Rural Coordinator for our four rural coalitions. Sandy reported the Region is about to go into partnership with Drug Free America which would give our messages incredible visibility. The Region has also purchased some DJ equipment so kids can hold dances, raise funds, and not have to pay an expensive fee.

Treatment Team (Jerome) – We are seeking a part-time facilitator to help coordinate this team. In the past year or so, they have spent time refocusing and constantly regrouping. Time to stop that and move forward. Activity reports are attached (2). Jerome also mentioned that Advancing Recovery was a federal grant we chose not to apply for until 2008. But between now and then we need to keep in touch with the T.A. Office out of the University of Wisconsin and position ourselves well for the second cycle.

Criminal Justice (Juvenile-Corey) -- The major project has been expanding the SCIP teams to mandate evaluations for youth expelled 5 day/more from LPS. LPS will work with Child Guidance to provide free evaluations. LMEP will provide the parent component but this must be voluntary. The hope is to get many more kids involved in treatment options than ever before. Corey said substance abuse education is now integrated into all graduated sanctions with the exception of BEST. BEST is an alternative school. He also shared that hiring a \$7500 part-time Drug Tech is now saving the County literally thousands of dollars as drug testing has gone from 2 weeks to a 2-day turn around time.

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Criminal Justice (Adult-Steve) – Steve said that there is a real disconnect between County and State plans and expectations. They now have the standardized evaluations tool but no one in Lancaster County is trained to administer it. Jerome said he would work with Steve to put one together for 60-70 people. Community Corrections dollars will be coming soon to local communities. But County coordination to use the dollars is not very good. Kit will meet with Steve to discuss a team who can represent Lancaster County and its programs. He is anticipating, very shortly, \$80,000 and no more space.

Other Issues

1. The Meth Planning Grant was funded for \$78,815. Dannie Elwood has been contracted to run this. It is located at LAP and will employ house-to-house interviews and focus groups.
2. Recovery Based Schools are being considered for the 2006-07 school year. Location was originally discussed at Bryan (LPS). We should get an updated report in October.
3. The next meeting will focus on –
 - a) Sustainability Focus – SAAC
 - b) Evaluation – What do we know? – Joyce Schmeeckle
 - c) SAAC Conference – October 2-3, 2007
 - d) Budget Report – Kit

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Boesch

Enclosures (2): Activity Report
Budget